

In the Claims

1. (Previously Presented) A method for acquiring satellite signals comprising:
 - a) receiving a request to switch from a first LNB to a second LNB;
 - b) switching from the first LNB to the second LNB;
 - c) recalling from memory a frequency offset value associated with said second LNB;
 - d) tuning a frequency for receiving a selected channel with a tuner using the frequency offset value; and
 - e) locking said tuner to said second LNB.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the tuner frequency value comprises a second LNB base frequency plus said frequency offset value.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the frequency offset value compensates for frequency drift in the second LNB.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the frequency offset compensates for a frequency adjustment in a satellite transponder.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the frequency offset compensates for a frequency adjustment in a satellite transponder and frequency drift in the second LNB.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising activating the second LNB while tuning said tuner frequency.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the frequency offset for the second LNB is derived from a frequency drift of the first LNB.
8. (Previously Presented) Apparatus for acquiring satellite signals comprising:
 - a) a tuner coupled to first and second LNBs;

a memory, coupled to said tuner, for storing a first frequency offset value for the first LNB and a second frequency offset value for the second LNB, said tuner being tuned to a frequency using said second frequency offset value and is locked to the second LNB upon switching from the first LNB to the second LNB thus enabling acquisition of a satellite signal.

9. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 8 wherein said tuner comprises a local oscillator having a frequency substantially equal to a base frequency plus either the first or second frequency offset value.

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the first and second frequency offset values represent the respective frequency drifts of the first and second LNBs.

11. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 8 wherein said first frequency offset value comprises a frequency offset value for each transponder associated with the first LNB and said second frequency offset value comprises a frequency offset value for each transponder associated with the second LNB.

12. (Cancelled)